

Learner Support Fund

Students Age 19+

The Learner Support fund provides financial help to students who, without this assistance would have difficulty enrolling or completing a course.

Am I eligible?

- You must be studying for an eligible qualification
- You must be settled in the UK or have a pre-settled status
- Claiming a means tested benefit
- In receipt of a low income *
- If the household is in receipt of Working Tax Credit this is the only document we require

*Low income is defined as:

Age	Gross Income below
19+	Household income below £32,000
19+ and living independently	Income less than £21,000

(This will be based on the previous tax year's income unless there has been a change in circumstances)

Who is not eligible?

- Students studying a Higher Education course
- Students studying a Full Cost Recovery course
- Work Based Learners/Apprentices



What can the Learner Support Fund can help with?

Travel

If you live more than 3 miles (google maps walking man) from your centre of study or you have a disability you may be entitled to a Bus pass or travel allowance depending upon your household financial circumstances.

Childcare

Age 20+ this is limited to term time only and providers who are Ofsted registered **Any free nursery hours must be used where possible.**

Course related costs

Kits/ Equipment /Uniform/Trip any course related costs determined by your Tutor will automatically be awarded if you are eligible.

What are my responsibilities?

- You are expected to have 85% attendance or you are meeting the targets of your on-track commitment
- You must inform us of any changes in circumstances such as change of course or childcare provider/arrangements
- If you withdraw from your course you will be required to repay all or part of your award and you are required to return any books and equipment.

When do I need to apply?

The LSF application forms will be available July 2023 please refer to our website for full information
www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/support/financial-support/adults-financial-support

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